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Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

My name is Asia Hamilton and I am a resident of North Hartford, as well as a youth leader representing the Blue Hills Civic Association.

I am writing IN SUPPORT of:

- S.B. No. 387 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
- S.B. No. 392 AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY JUVENILES.

I am writing IN STRONG OPPOSITION to the following bills:

- S.B. No. 365 AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS.
- S.B. No. 388: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.
- H.B. No. 5418 AN ACT REVISING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
- H.B. No. 5417 AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SERVICES AND FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS.
- S.B. No. 386 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY LAWS OF THIS STATE.
- S.B. No. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

I am testifying in opposition to the bills I listed above because rooted in false claims that Connecticut is experiencing tremendously high rates of crime being committed by youth. This is simply not supported by data. This crime rhetoric is being used to cause fear and push for reforms that, in the end, will result in more Black and Brown youth and low-income White youth becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. This will not provide a solution for any issues related to crime in our state.

This issue is important to me because I no longer want to see people who look like me fall victim to the discriminatory justice system when there is no investment being made in the youth and our communities. The cycle of generational poverty, miseducation, demonization, criminalization and reinforcement of white supremacy needs to end here. Mass Youth Incarceration is not the answer, never was and never will be; We need Resources, not Restrictions.

I urge you to SUPPORT S.B. No. 392 and S.B. No. 387 with the recommendations submitted by the Connecticut Justice Alliance. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify today and feel free to reach out if you have any further questions.

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